

Citizenship and Immigration Status Requirements for FEMA Assistance

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FEMA is committed to helping all eligible disaster survivors recover from Typhoon Mawar, including U.S. citizens, non-citizen nationals and qualified aliens.

Non-Citizen National

A non-citizen national is a person born in an outlying possession of the U.S., on or after the date the U.S. acquired the possession, or a person whose parents are U.S. non-citizen nationals. All U.S. citizens are U.S. nationals; however, not every U.S. national is a U.S. citizen.

Qualified Aliens, which includes:

- A legal permanent resident (“green card” holder);
- An asylee, refugee or an alien whose deportation is being withheld;
- An alien paroled into the U.S. for at least one year;
- An alien granted conditional entry (per law in effect prior to April 1, 1980);
- A Cuban or Haitian entrant;
- Certain victims of a severe form of human trafficking, including persons with a “T” or “U” visa; and
- An alien or child of an alien who has been battered or subjected to extreme cruelty in the U.S.

Qualified Minor Children

If the applicant is a minor child, the co-applicant must be the child's parent or legal guardian. The minor child must have been under age 18 at the time Typhoon Mawar occurred.

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See Citizenship and Immigration Status Requirements for Federal Public Benefits for more information in multiple languages, please check [here](#).

If you do not meet the status of either U.S. citizen, non-citizen national or qualified alien, your household may still apply for and be considered for IHP assistance if:

- Another adult member of your household meets the eligibility criteria and certifies their citizenship status during the registration process or signs the Declaration and Release form, or
- The parent or guardian of a minor child who is a U.S. citizen, non-citizen national or a qualified alien applies for assistance on behalf of the child, if they live in the same household. The parent or legal guardian must register as the co-applicant, and the minor child must be under age 18 at the time the disaster occurred.

If you're unsure of your immigration status, talk to an immigration expert to learn if your status meets the requirements for FEMA disaster assistance. Visit nvoad.org to learn about other voluntary organizations.

If you haven't applied for federal disaster assistance yet, you may do so at disasterassistance.gov, by using the [FEMA mobile app](#), by calling 800-621-3362 (The Helpline is available 24 hours a day/ 7 days a week at no cost for Guam residents) or by stopping by a Disaster Recovery Center located at Guam Community College, Dededo Sports Complex, C.L. Taitano Elementary School and Inarahan Community Center (open seven days a week 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.).

For an accessible video on how to apply for assistance, check [here](#).

For information on Guam's disaster recovery, visit [our website](#).

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